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**MESSAGE:**

Per Examiner Nguyen's request, following is a copy of an Amendment which was forwarded to the PTO on September 16, 2003 in response to the June 16, 2003 Office Action. If further information, documentation or clarification is required, or if there are any questions, please let us know immediately.

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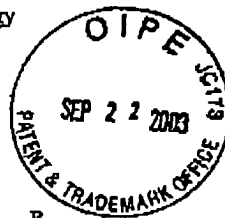
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Appointment of Associate Counsel (2 pages); and  
Amendment with Attachment A (42 pages).

RE: David N. Makinson, et al.  
Title: Modular Meter Configuration And Methodology  
USSN: 09/450,890  
Filed: November 29, 1999.  
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AMENDMENT

This is an Amendment in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated herein by reference and the signature below is to be treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

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	Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra		Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims	79	minus 79	= 0	x \$18 =	\$ .00
Independent Claims	9	minus 9	= 0	x \$84 =	\$ .00
If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time, add \$270.00 (per application)					\$ .00
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Honorable Commissioner:

This is responsive to the 06/16/2003 Office Action for the above-described application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111(a) and 1.112, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the subject application, based on the following remarks.

**1.0 AMENDMENTS****IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 7, 16, 20, 24, 34, 38, 42, 65 and 69 have been amended. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(i) and (ii), and the USPTO's revised format for amendments, a complete listing of all claims (marked-up and indicating the status of such claims) appears below. In making these amendments, no new matter is believed entered.